

REMARKS

Claims 11-18 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-10 are canceled. Claim 11 is the sole independent claim under consideration.

Claim 11 is amended to include, among other things, an annular clamp extending around an outer surface of a cross-feed line and circumferentially clamping the cross-feed line such that a flapper valve is frictionally held in place in the cross-feed line. Claim 12 is amended to clarify the claim without changing its scope. No new matter has been added.

Claims 11-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,702,274 (Kramer). Claims 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,285,816 (Herlihy). The rejections respectfully are traversed.

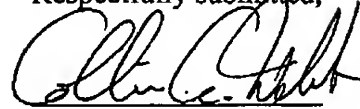
Both of Kramer and Herlihy disclose a check valve and a one-way valve, respectively, disposed at the intersection of two sections of pipe. However, neither Kramer nor Herlihy teach or suggest an annular clamp extending around an outer surface of a cross-feed line and *circumferentially clamping* the cross-feed line such that the flapper valve is frictionally held in place in the cross-feed line, as required by claim 11.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 11 is allowable and request early notification of allowance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for the one-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 14-0780.

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